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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO. 09/673,947

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FOR: Food Dispensing Chest

) Examiner: James O. Hansen

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Dear Sir:

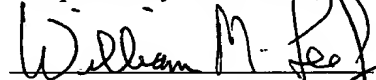
An Office Action of October 9, 2001 has been received, and a response will be filed in due course.

However, in the Office Action, the examiner refers, in numbered paragraphs 2 and 3, that drawings are required for the application. That requirement is not understood, since this application already has drawings. There are three sheets of drawings for the application, and copies are appended hereto.

If the examiner is requiring anything further, it is requested that the examiner telephone the undersigned. Otherwise, the response to the Office Action will not deal with the drawing issue, since it appears that something has been overlooked or the Patent and Trademark Office has mislaid its drawing copies.

October 24, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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